

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 26, 2006**

The State Board of Education met via telephone conference call at 10:00 a.m. CDT, on June 26, 2006.

Present..... 7

Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers
Ms. Carolyn Pearre
Mr. Richard Ray
Dr. Valerie Rutledge
Ms. Sharon Thompson
Mr. Matthew Fillmore

Absent.....4

Mr. Jim Ayers
Mr. Flavius Barker
Dr. Melvin Wright
Dr. Richard Rhoda, Ex-Officio

Others Present in the Conference Room and On the Call:

Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director, State Board of Education
Dr. Mary Jo Howland, Deputy Executive Director, State Board of Education
Mr. Art Fuller, Executive Administrative Assistant, State Board of Education
Mr. Rich Haglund, General Counsel, State Board of Education
Dr. David Sevier, Research Associate, State Board of Education

Keith Brewer, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Education
Ms. Cory Curl, Department of Education
Ms. Becky Kent, Department of Education

Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call for Board members. He stated that the special meeting, held via telephone conference, was called to consider proposed amendments to Tennessee's Accountability Workbook to include amendments recently approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

Ms. Cory Curl, Department of Education, presented the proposed changes to the Board.

Ms. Curl stated that students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita will be counted in a separate "displaced" subgroup for NCLB reporting and accountability purposes. This subgroup will not affect AYP determinations.

She then explained the proposed amendment to the graduation rates as applying an extended-time graduation rate for AYP purposes to encourage schools to serve students who need more than 4 years and one summer to graduate with a regular diploma. By applying an extended-time graduation rate for AYP, the State accountability system would give schools a strong incentive to help at-risk students who need extra time to complete requirements for the high school diploma.

Suggestions were made by Board members which clarified the language under the proposed amendment. **Chairman Rolston** stated that there may be a need to return to the graduation rate item at a future time.

Other discussion centered on the growth model and its use in calculating AYP.

Chairman Rolston noted that status of each of the proposed changes and asked if there was a motion.

ACTION: **Dr. Rutledge** moved to approve the amendments. **Ms. Thompson** seconded the motion.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Rolston thanked members for being available to participate in the meeting by telephone and announced the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 30-31, 2006, and adjourned the meeting.

Approved by: _____ Date _____